

## **IN THE CLAIMS**

The following claim set replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. [lsp7](Currently Amended) A generator gas shield comprising an annular ring body having an outer radially extending flange terminating at a first free end of a first diameter; a curved inlet portion; a substantially axial portion of a second diameter surrounding a center opening, and a curved outlet portion terminating at a second free end of a ~~second~~ third diameter smaller than said first diameter but greater than said second diameter.

2. (Original) The generator gas shield of claim 1 wherein said curved outlet portion is provided with a plurality of circumferentially spaced ventilation holes.

3. (Original) The generator gas shield of claim 1 wherein said axial portion includes a seal insert.

4. (Original) The generator gas shield of claim 3 wherein said seal insert is formed with one or more radially inwardly directed seal teeth.

5. (Cancelled).

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